

THE COAL SITUATION

SUPPLY ALMOST EXHAUSTED AND NONE ARRIVING.

Nine Dollars a Ton in Jersey City—Dealers Are Unable to Fill Orders.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Inquiries have been made by the Tribune as to the stock of anthracite coal on hand at several cities in the East with the following results:

New York City dealers say the supply here has been practically exhausted for weeks. The railroad companies have been able to deliver only a few thousand tons a day recently and much of it is known as washed coal.

The retail price of coal in Jersey City is \$9 a ton delivered or \$8 at the yards, and orders are taken only conditionally. The dealers have agents out purchasing wherever they can find coal. None is coming in by the cars. Some have a meager reserve supply, but this is kept for customers with whom they have contracts. Orders for thousands of tons have been pigeon-holed because they cannot be filled.

Buffalo reports that the Erie railroad's Hillside is the only anthracite that can be bought there at present. It sells for \$5.65 a ton and is not the best quality of hard coal. The Philadelphia & Reading, the Lehigh, the Delaware & Hudson and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroads have all stopped the sale of anthracite at the trestles and have closed their local agencies, thereby putting an absolute stop to their coal business. The railroads are maintained the utmost secrecy regarding their supplies and even the Erie officials refuse to say how much they have on hand. All the leading coal dealers say the supply is exceedingly limited.

At Albany, N. Y., the retail dealers have in stock not to exceed 2000 tons of anthracite coal, which they are selling at \$6 to \$6.25 a ton. The Delaware & Hudson Company has about 1000 tons in reserve at Delanson. This, with 200 tons held by a wholesale dealer, is all that can be counted on for Albany. It is known, says the Albany correspondent, that the Delaware Hudson has considerable coal, estimated as high as 50,000 tons.

COAL SITUATION IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Chicago's stock of anthracite coal is running low in account of the great coal miners' strike. Leading dealers express the opinion that before winter householders will be compelled to use bituminous coal for all domestic purposes. They say that even if the strike should be settled by September 1, the new coal would not be received in large quantities before Christmas, so that at least a temporary use of soft coal is extremely probable. The present cost of anthracite to the retailer in car load lots is \$6.15 a ton, to which is added \$1 to the consumer. A substantial advance in these

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prices is predicted for September. About 150,000 tons of anthracite coal are said to be stored in Chicago now, but as 90 per cent of the demand for it is for domestic purposes, the impending scarcity will not be seriously felt until the advent of cold weather.

PERSONAL MENTION.

D. Shanks was in this city yesterday. W. S. Crain is here from Aberdeen, Wash.

C. W. Cook was here yesterday from Seattle. F. P. Wolfe was here from Globe yesterday.

J. Christenson was up from Felco recently. E. Blood was here from Cathlamet yesterday.

Miss Nell M. Smith, of Portland, is in the city. I. O. Rohrer, of South Bend, Ind., is in the city. A. Utzinger, of New Astoria, was here yesterday.

C. I. Jackson, of Denver, was in Astoria yesterday. William Sumner was out from St. Joe, Mo., yesterday.

H. Yant, of Nampa, Ida., was a visitor here Thursday. Mrs. John Bonn, of The Dalles, was in the city Thursday.

J. H. Seymour made a business trip to Portland yesterday. E. A. Bryan and wife are here from Pullman, Wash., on a visit.

Ben E. Lyster, of Gardiner, Ore., was in the city yesterday. Secretary of State Dunbar was in the city a few hours yesterday.

Postmaster Reed is at Gearhart Park to transact some official business. C. P. Tobin and C. P. Hogue were both here from Portland, Thursday.

The Misses Tuttle entertained a party of young people at Flavel yesterday. C. E. Grimes, of Everett, Washington, was among Astoria's Thursday visitors.

W. F. Jeffers and W. G. Bartin were among the Portland folks here Thursday. Miss Daisy Stockton is down from Portland spending her vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Thomas Ryrie and Mrs. T. O. Trullinger are visiting friends at Ocean Park, Wash. Mr. Hougan was here from Cathlamet yesterday. He is sheriff of Wahkiakum county.

Mrs. True, of Portland, arrived yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Leinenweber. David Eby, of Cottage Grove, Ore., and Louis Eby, of Hubbard, Neb., were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. James Hobson, of Centralia, Wash., is visiting her parents here, Wm. Medley and wife. F. P. Kender and A. B. MacCallan are here from San Francisco, attending to business matters.

Mrs. Lee Strauss, Mrs. Duchene, Miss Sadie Peterson and Miss Alice Lamont, all of Skamokawa, were visiting here Thursday. Prof. George Anderson is here from Portland. Prof. Anderson will remain in the city several days. He is one of the best known piano tuners in the state.

J. D. Taylor expects to go to San Francisco soon to study in a technical engineering school. He has been with the Astoria Iron Works for several years, and his many friends here wish him great success. Charley Gammal, a member of the life saving crew at Peterson's Point, left Wednesday evening for a two month's visit at his old home in Benoit, Wana, Finland. While on his way, he will visit several days with friends in New York and Hamburg.

GOLDBEATERS STRIKE Men Want Women and Girls Discharged. NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—With a view to settling the strike of the goldbeaters, negotiations have been started with the employers by the American Federation of Labor. The principal demands of the goldbeaters are an advance in wages from \$12 to \$21 a week and the discharge of about one hundred girls and women. A conference between committees of gold leaf manufacturers and the striking goldbeaters has been held but no agreement reached. An effort may be made to bring about another conference. The employers who had offered a compromise of \$15 a week raised the offer to \$16 a week. The goldbeaters were willing to accept the offer if the women and girls were discharged. The employers refused to do that because some of the women have been employed more than 29 years. The employers will hold a conference today. They declare that they will not discharge the women and girls.

DESPONDENT WRITER SUICIDES. NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Napoleon F. Washington, a magazine writer, has committed suicide by hanging himself by a cord to a hook on the transom of the door of his room. He had been ill with nervous prostration for some time. He was 44 years of age. Coroner Goldkranz said he believed the man was despondent because many manuscripts had been returned to him. It is said also that he was in financial

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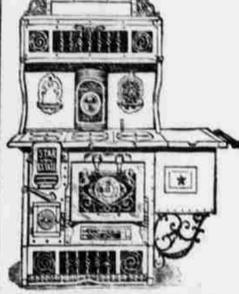
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